

PAGE ANSWERS WILLIAMS MAKES COMPLETE EXPLANATION

He Emphatically Denies Commissioner Williams' Charge That the "All in Vermont" Claim Was Ever Used in Any Advertisement of the Lamoille County Savings Bank and Trust Co., after the Bank Commenced Making its Out-of-State Loans.

TO THE PEOPLE OF VERMONT:

I have read with keen interest the arraignment of Commissioner Williams and feel constrained to enter my plea of "not guilty." There is no better way to answer the charges than by telling the simple story of the foundation and growth of an institution to which I have devoted the best efforts of my life—The Lamoille County Savings Bank and Trust company.

Organized In 1889

This institution was organized January 21, 1889. From the beginning the one inflexible purpose of my mind was that its funds must all be invested within the state of Vermont.

For 20 years and up to the time that I was elected to the United States Senate, every dollar of its assets, according to my best knowledge and belief, was loaned in Vermont.

All importunities to swerve me from this line of action were denied without hesitation, and

I confidently challenge any living man to show where one single dollar was ever loaned outside the state during this period of 20 years.

Heavy Deposits

That the people honored me because of my devotion to this principle is shown by the fact that for the three and a half years, covering the fiscal years ending June 30, 1908, June 30, 1909, June 30, 1910, and the half year ending January 1, 1911, approximately \$1000 per day was deposited in the bank in excess of the withdrawals.

Williams' Approvals

These phenomenal deposits, coupled with my necessary absence from the state, brought about a condition which I could not well take care of, and upon what I understood to be the approval of Commissioner Williams, consented that first-class out-of-state loans, if guaranteed by a strictly strong high-class Vermont guarantor, might be accepted.

When this decision was reached the advertising, "All assets invested in Vermont," was discontinued, I challenge any one to show where, in any advertisement, the words "ALL IN VERMONT," were used in one single instance after this new policy was adopted.

Every advertisement issued by the bank was first published in the Lamoille News and Citizen and the files of that paper are open to anyone who wishes to examine them.

Followed Williams' Suggestion.

Later Commissioner Williams thought this practice of taking paper from a Vermont guarantor should cease, and without hesitation or delay, his suggestions were adopted.

For several years, as Mr. Williams states, I personally paid out of my private pocket from \$1000 to \$2000 a year rather than have in our bank dollar of paper that was not predicated either upon a Vermont security or a first-class Vermont name.

I am glad Mr. Williams has made clear this fact because it might have been difficult to make the public believe that I would make so large a sacrifice to maintain my personal views with reference to out-of-state loans.

Out-of-State Loans.

But the time arrived in October, 1914, when the board of directors, following Mr. Williams' advice, decided to open the bank's doors to out-of-state loans. I reluctantly yielded to this on the condition that the bank should complete a quarter of a century without loaning a dollar of paper that was not secured either on Vermont security or a first-class Vermont name.

No Evasion of Taxes.

Touching the charge of avoidance of taxation very little need be said.

At the time the law abolishing offsets went into effect I owed large sums of money. I felt that it was right that I should sell as much of my property as I could and pay my debts. Among other properties sold were some of my bank stocks. I took what I believed to be good legal counsel in regard to this matter and was advised that to sell any property I owned and pay my taxes was neither morally nor legally wrong, and acting upon this legal advice, I made the sales to which Commissioner Williams refers.

I have not seen, nor do I now see anything that is dishonorable in this, did not (and it certainly did not) result in avoidance of payment of my taxes.

Money Invested in the State.

Every dollar I own is invested in Vermont. Never during my life have I had a dollar invested outside of Vermont. Gov. Fletcher is probably worth 200 times as much as I am. Today the records will show that I pay on a list two and three quarter times that of Allen M. Fletcher, and I have never yet failed (as the records will show) to comply with the statute which commands that I make out, swear to and return an inventory.

I am especially grieved that this matter should have been brought up at this time, in view of the fact that Commissioner Williams admits that the growth and prosperity of this bank is now at the pinnacle. The editor of the Rutland Herald in the same issue truly says that "the interest of the depositors has at all times been taken care of," and Commissioner Williams admits that his criticisms have been heeded and that the conditions complained of no longer exist.

CARROLL S. PAGE.

Hyde Park, Vt., August 10, 1916.

BRIDPORT.

Mrs. R. H. Noonan and daughter, Miss Hazel of Buffalo, N. Y., are guests of relatives in town.

The report of the lawn social held last Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Nadeau was a big crowd, a fine supper and in general a very enjoyable evening. The program consisted of a vocal solo by M. T. Wolcott and a violin solo by Clifford Hutchison. The net proceeds were \$37.75.

F. G. Williams, who has been visiting friends at Watfield, returned home Saturday.

Forrest Myrick, Kenneth Myrick and Cloise Norton are camping at Camp Owl's Nest.

H. D. Payne is erecting a cottage at the lake.

Miss Grace Holden of Salisbury came Thursday of last week to spend a few days as the guest of Mrs. G. L. Palmer.

Harry Taylor of Worcester, Mass., who has been visiting friends in town for a few days, has returned to his home.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. White of Shoreham were the guests Thursday of Mrs. White's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Russell.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Wimetite who in company with Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Myrick of Middlebury made an automobile trip to Waterbury and Montpelier, returned Tuesday.

Homer Nourse of Saxtons River is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Hemenway at Camp Owl's Nest.

Misses Beatrice and Lucile Benedict of New Haven are the guests of relatives in town.

Mrs. J. T. Albright of Armington, Ill., Miss Stella Bean of Moravia, Ill., and Mrs. H. J. Pratt and son Master Roscoe were guests of Mrs. E. G. Blaisdell Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Bristol of Vergennes spent Wednesday and Thursday as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Russell.

John Voss, who has been attending summer school at Middlebury, returned home Saturday.

Nine decorated automobiles from Shoreham passed through town Saturday advertising field day which was held at Shoreham August 17. They had that day visited Whiting, Orwell, Cornwall, Middlebury, Weybridge and Bridport.

Mr. and Mrs. William Grandey and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Dukett went Sunday to visit Miss Mildred St. John at Hunter's Home, Elizabethtown, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. H. U. Frost and daughters Misses Myrtle and Mildred spent Sunday with Mrs. Frost's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Peck.

A. C. and A. A. Preble have purchased a new Buick car.

Rev. Hervey Gulick will preach at the Congregational church next Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Gibbs, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Parrish and grandson Ashley Wolcott were at Burlington Sunday.

Mrs. Rena Morse of Middlebury and Mrs. Richard Heitman of Cream Hill were guests of the Misses Kingsland Tuesday.

Mrs. Eva Pond, who was called to Middlebury on account of the serious illness of her grandson, Master Winston Pond, has returned to her sister's, Mrs. L. W. Dayton.

Mrs. Wilson is visiting her brother, L. W. Dayton.

Alex Hamilton of Middlebury was in town Monday.

News has been received here that Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Bishop of Flint, Mich., has made the announcement of the engagement of their daughter, Miss Katherine to Dr. F. B. Miner. Dr. Miner was one of Bridport's young men a few years ago and has many friends here who are deeply interested in him and will wish for him the greatest happiness.

Mrs. Katherine Brooks is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. J. S. Dukett.

Master Willard Sellers has returned to the home of Mr. and Mrs. George St. John.

Miss Ava Hawley of Floral Park, N. Y., is in camp at the lake with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Howe.

Miss Elizabeth Hamilton is visiting relatives at Hinesburg.

Miss Grace Russell is the guest for a few days of her aunt, Mrs. C. B. White of Shoreham.

Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Russell of Vergennes are visiting Mr. Russell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Russell.

The next regular Grange meeting will be held at the Grange hall Tuesday evening, September 12. The program is in charge of the gentlemen officers.

H. R. Palmer attended Spring Grove Camp meeting Sunday.

The C. E. topic for next Sunday evening is "Growth: Body, Mind, Spirit." Luke 2:40-52.

Mrs. W. N. Wells is visiting relatives at Lewis, N. Y.

Miss Gertrude Colburn is visiting her sister, Mrs. William Bouchard of Port Henry, N. Y.

Miss Wilhelmina Fairchild of Bethel is the guest of her aunt Mrs. F. E. Townner.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Holmes of Schenectady, N. Y., were guests of their sister, Mrs. E. G. Frost Wednesday and Thursday.

Miss Carrie Broughton of Jay, N. Y., is visiting at the home of E. L. Miner.

The regular meeting of the Auxiliary and Friendly club was held at the vestry Wednesday afternoon. The program consisted of the annual election of officers and the following were elected: President, Mrs. C. A. Pratt; first vice president, Mrs. J. L. Palmer; second vice president, Mrs. L. D. Sunderland; third vice president, Mrs. F. W. Spaulding; corresponding secretary, Mrs. E. G. Frost; recording secretary, Miss Katherine Baldwin; treasurer, Mrs. M. T. Wolcott; chairman of work committee, Mrs. Herbert Huestis; chairman of social committee, Mrs. Howard Allen; chairman of program committee, Mrs. A. A. Preble.

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WEST CORNWALL.

Very dry and all are wishing for rain.

Miss Katharine Griswold went to Brandon on Monday night called there by the death of her brother-in-law, James Woodruff. The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. A. W. Bingham went to New York Monday where she will spend a few days with her husband at their home there.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Stuckie and daughter May of New York are at L. C. Drolette's for a while. Mrs. Stuckie is a sister of Mr. Drolette.

C. J. Lowell, jr., of Proctor was at his home over Sunday.

Miss Belle Lowell is at home again after visiting her sisters in Proctor, her niece, Helen Cook, returned with her.

Mrs. Howard of Brockton, Mass., and Mrs. Litchfield of Avon, Mass., are stopping for a while with Mrs. H. L. Munger.

Mr. and Mrs. L. DeWitt went to Ticonderoga, N. Y., on Saturday last returning on Monday.

Fred Weston spent Sunday in Charlotte with his sister, Mrs. Frank Mack. His wife who has recently returned from the Fanny Allen hospital and two little daughters are there until Mrs. Weston is able to return to their home here.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Farnham and grandson, Paul Farnham, were guests of Miss Katharine Griswold on Sunday last.

Mrs. F. H. Eldredge and son Robert of Bridport called on her sister, Mrs. H. E. Taylor last Sunday afternoon.

Lucian Bingham has returned from his vacation spent with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Peck of Arizona, former residents here, have been visiting at Henry Angel's and with other friends. Mrs. Angel and Mr. Peck are cousins.

Miss Martha Maynard and Miss Mary Bliss, who have been at Maynard cottage for two weeks, returned to their homes in Burlington on Saturday last.

F. S. Haskell and Miss Katherine Young took an auto trip to New York State on Wednesday.

SUDBURY.

Miss Eva Griffin of Brandon has returned after visiting relatives here.

Mrs. H. T. Cole and daughter, Miss Florence Cole of Boston, have been the guests of Mrs. C. W. Jones.

John Burt of Troy, N. Y., is spending some time at the home of Fred Burt.

Mrs. William Ackery of Brooklyn, N. Y., is the guest of Mrs. Horton Farnham.

Miss Hattie Divol of Leominster, Mass., is visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Colby and daughter, Madelyn of Montpelier, have returned after visiting relatives here.

The Sudbury public library will be open for the first time Saturday afternoon. The hours for opening will be Thursday evenings 6 to 9 o'clock and Saturday afternoons from 1 to 6 o'clock.

The Ladies Aid society held its annual fair and sale Thursday afternoon and evening. Useful and fancy articles, home-made candies and ice cream were on sale.

Miss Hazel Buell of Whitehall, N. Y., was a recent guest of Miss Fannie Wallace.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Jones and Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Jones were in Brandon Tuesday to attend the funeral of J. G. L. Woodruff.

John Bucklin, E. J. Foster, James Newton and Andrew Webster with their families motored to Lake George on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Shattuck of Boston are visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Jones.

For any itching skin trouble, piles, eczema, salt rheum, hives, itch, scald head, herpes, scabies, Doan's Ointment is highly recommended. 50c. a box at all stores.

SHOREHAM CENTER.

Mrs. Harnat and two little daughters from Medfield, Mass., are visiting her sister, Mrs. Henry Wright.

Mrs. Edward Arthur, who has been very ill, is improving slowly.

Mrs. Johnson from Bristol is visiting her uncle, Lewis Lapell.

Miss Clara Cheney from New York city visited at Dr. Townsend's recently.

Earl Lapell was a Middlebury visitor Sunday.

Mrs. Zene Baldwin gave a covered dish party Friday afternoon. Twenty-three ladies were present.

Harry Birchard and Miss Emma Jones visited Mr. and Mrs. Rollin Birchard Sunday.

Verne and Mildred Wissel from Jericho are visiting at their uncle's, Lewis Lapell's.

Ira Baldwin from Middlebury called at his father's, James Baldwin's, the first of the week.

Miss Grace Russell from Bridport is with her aunt Mrs. White for a few days.

Robert Arthur from Schenectady was a week end visitor at his father's, Edward Arthur's.

Mrs. Lina Burnell is caring for Mrs. E. A. Arthur.

NEW HAVEN.

Miss Addie Wright of Burlington, for many years holding a position in the Burlington Free Press office, is visiting her niece, Mrs. Grace Doud on Town Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Roleau motored to Northfield last Saturday to visit her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Peck. They soon go to St. Johnsbury to locate.

New Haven and Addison Grangers are to be the guests of Vergennes Grange and will meet on Tuesday, August 17, joining in an old-fashioned picnic. They will meet in A. G. Wright's grove in Waltham.

The 1st motor cycle battery, from Englewood, New Jersey, passed through town some days since, en route for Fort Ethan Allen. While there they will be engaged in motor and machine gun practice.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hay with some of their friends from Bradford, who have been touring the State, called on Mrs. Alice V. Langdon in the early week.

All lovers of apples, will be glad to hear that our good old State gives encouragement of a large yield of the fruit.

A very large attendance was reported from the services at the Camp Ground last Sunday. Some fine speakers were present. It is thought that the coming year, the association will return to the old way, and have the regular camp meeting.

EAST SHOREHAM.

E. N. Bissell, who has been quite seriously ill for the past week, is some better. Dr. Martin of Middlebury was called Sunday in consultation with Dr. Mary Platt of Shoreham.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pierce and two children, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Staughton and children from Rochester, Vt., motored from Lake Dunmore, where they are in camp, and visited at E. N. Bissell's.

R. M. Osborn's mother from Peterboro, N. H., and her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Hanum and three children, have returned home, after spending two weeks here.

Mrs. E. S. Bissell and son, Robin, from Medfield, Mass., are spending the month of August with Mr. Bissell's father, E. N. Bissell.

Mrs. Gertrude Treadway was in Middlebury Tuesday.

Miss Dorothy Savory of West Haven, Conn., who has been spending several weeks in East Shoreham and Shoreham, has gone to Hyde Park Inn.

Miss Beth Delano has gone to Bomooseen for the month of August.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Felin of Burlington are spending a few days at Jonas Birchard's.

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Hosiery, Lisle and Silk, 15c to 50c

E. & W. Collars 15c

Straw Hats, Sailors, Panamas, Leghorns and Silk, \$1 00 to \$3 00

Caps, for street and auto wear, 50c to \$1 50

Union Suits 50c to \$2 00

Auto Gloves \$1 25 and \$1 50

Auto Dusters \$1 00 and \$1 50

Trunks \$4 50 to \$10 00

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